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1. The Russian engineer Jevcochin left Vejprty (16-17 miles NNE of Jachymov) in March for Horni Slavkov and Jachymov. He is expected to return to Vejprty sometime during the summer.

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2. A large work camp has been opened in Niederschlag (on the German side of the border, about 2 km. S of Vejprty), in an area where ten mines are located close to one another. Work is proceeding at a good pace, and every second day a truck with uranium ore leaves for Chemnitz, whence the ore is shipped by plane or train to Russia. This region has now been occupied by Russian military personnel, and patrols of two to twenty men are seen on guard.

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3. The "Sachtstroj" mine in Vejprty-Nové Zvolani operates with the greatest efficiency. The Russians have established a production schedule for the fulfilling of which Shop Manager Skuta and Mine Manager Reidmen have been promised 5,000 crowns each. However, they have been notified that if they do not meet the schedule they will be punished for sabotaging an enterprise of national importance. The mine is fully mechanized. It is inspected regularly every three days by Ing. Synac or some leading man from Jachymov. On 27 April, an inspection was made by Mr. Synac and a representative of the Czech Mines in Prague, Mr. Sveceny.

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4. [] 10 to 12 tons of uranium ore is moved out every day at Horni Slavkov.

5. [] a train with uranium ore leaves Ostrov, near Karlovy Vary, for Russia every 14 days.

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6. Ing. Cmelak has been named General Manager of the Jachymov mines, replacing Ing. Hegner, who was released during the February crisis. Ing. Zalud remained as manager of excavation. Other leading men are Ing. Synac and Ing. Kuehnell.

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- 25X1 7. [] the Russian management is not satisfied with the Czech workers, and the Ministry of the Interior has therefore assigned 8,000 Germans from Most, Teplice, and Usti to the mines. The first transport of Germans arrived on 5 May and were to be detailed to various mines.

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8. On 13 May 1948, four Russian generals called on the District National Committee with a group of thirty people. Supposedly, they negotiated for the transfer of Vejprty to the Russian zone of Germany (because of the Vejprty mines). The textile factories located in Vejprty would be moved first to Czechoslovakia. As compensation for the loss of Vejprty, Czechoslovakia would receive the Kladsko (Glatz) district.

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